In re Application of:

Valery POULBOT

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Docket No. 03161.001086

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Group Art Unit: 1733

Date: December 9, 2004

Application No.: 09/913,744

Filed: January 10, 2002

For: RUNNING TREAD FOR TIRE AND

TIRE COMPRISING SAME

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

## A. <u>Introductory Comments</u>

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 9, 2004.

Please amend the specification and abstract as indicated in the substitute specification and abstract attached hereto.

Please amend claims 1-13. The amended claims find support in the originally filed application and claims, as explained further in the Remarks section below. In accordance

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with the revised amendment format, a complete listing of all claims follows; this listing replaces all earlier amendments and listings of the claims.

Applicant makes the present amendments only in order to put the claims in better conformity with the language of the substitute specification attached hereto, to correct improper multiple dependent claim language and to clarify the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant reserves the right to file applications directed to matter disclosed in the original application.